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: **UNDER 37 CFR. 1.313**
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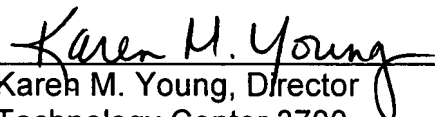
For: **CLAMP DEVICE AND CLAMP METHOD FOR HEAT-TREATED ARTICLE**

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that the above-identified application is being withdrawn from issue pursuant to 37 CFR 1.313.

The application is being withdrawn from issue to permit reopening of prosecution. The examiner will communicate an office action to you.

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The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action.


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